

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A door operating hardware installation guide for preparing a door for the mounting of operating hardware, the guide comprising:
 - a front template having a first side and a second side;
 - a side template having a first side and a second side, the side template
 - 5 operatively, removably coupled to the front template;
 - the front template and the side template including a plurality of through guide holes defining the outer perimeter of proposed mounting holes for the operating hardware;
 - thereby with either the first side or the second side of the front template in
 - 10 contact with the edge of the door and either the first side or the second side of the side template in contact with a side of the door, the accurate placement of the mounting holes in the door is facilitated by the through guide holes.
2. The guide of claim 1 wherein the first side includes a recess.
3. The guide of claim 1 wherein the second side includes a recess.
4. The guide of claim 1 wherein the first side and the second side each include a recess of a different width.
5. The guide of claim 1 wherein the side template is removably coupled to the front template by an interconnecting arrangement to align and fix the side template with respect to the front template.
6. The guide of claim 5 wherein the interconnecting arrangement includes a plurality of posts extending from an edge of the side template, the posts configured to be received with complimentary openings formed within the front template to removably fix the side template with respect to the front template.
7. The guide of claim 6 wherein the opposing edges of the side template each include a pair of posts.

8. The guide of claim 6 wherein the first side and the second side of the front template each include a pair of openings on each side of the recess.
9. The guide of claim 1 wherein the guide includes visual markings.
10. A door operating hardware installation guide for preparing a door for the mounting of operating hardware, the guide comprising:
 - a front template having a first side and a second side;
 - a side template having a first side and a second side, the side template
- 5 operatively, removably coupled to the front template by an interconnecting arrangement to align and fix the side template with respect to the front template; and the front template and the side template including a plurality of through guide holes defining the outer perimeter of proposed mounting holes for the operating hardware.
11. The guide of claim 10 wherein the first side includes a recess.
12. The guide of claim 10 wherein the second side includes a recess.
13. The guide of claim 10 wherein the first side and the second side each include a recess of a different width.
14. The guide of claim 13 wherein the side template includes a pair of posts.
15. The guide of claim 14 wherein the first side and the second side of the front template each include a pair of openings on each side of the recess, wherein the posts are configured to be received within the openings to removably fix the side template with respect to the front template.